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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

SWAGER ET AL.

Examiner

Duc Truong

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 March 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-47 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-47 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

Applicant's arguments filed 3/23/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The Amendment submitted by Applicant does not overcome the rejections made by Examiner in the last Office action.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by The Yang references and the Norvez references.

Claims 2-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over the Yang references and the Norvez references.

Claims 35-47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the references, as stated above.

The rejection is maintained for the reasons as stated in the last Office action and for the following reasons:

(1) Applicant argues that the references do not disclose the use of a ladder polymer which is defined as a polymer having a backbone that can only be severed by breaking two bonds.

(2) Applicant's arguments are also based on the claimed characteristics in that the references fail to teach or suggest a composition that comprises iptycene and has a dielectric constant of less than 3.0 nor specific components as in claim 31.

(3) Applicant argues that neither the Yang references nor the Norvez references teach or suggest a device comprises both a chromophore and a shape persistent molecule having at least 20% free volume as in the amended claim 35.

The following position is taken because the claims in this application are read as broadly as possible.

Limitations from the Specification as to how the polymer or oligomer are produced are not read into the claims. Note that either a ladder polymer or oligomer comprising an iptycene are considered in that no specific ladder polymer has been claimed. The references do disclose the polymer or oligomer comprising an iptycene in that said polymer can be considered as a ladder polymer unless Applicant provide specific structure of a ladder polymer into the claims.

Applicant has presented no factual evidence to show why products of the references would not in fact have the claimed properties. The fact that the references do not disclose said properties is not viewed as a basis to infer that the properties are not possessed by the products of the references. The references clearly disclose specific structures which are included in the broad teachings of the claimed structures.

Therefore, the claimed characteristics must be considered inherent in the prior art. Further, the references do disclose components in the formation of chemical sensors, liquid crystal, as devices. Based on specific structures from the references to form the same devices, the composition must be the same or similar, as in the claims.

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Duc Truong whose telephone number is 571-272-1081. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Seidleck can be reached on 571-272-1078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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